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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
230 South Dearborn St.
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Himco Landfill, Elkhart, Indiana

To Whom It May Concern:

1. Below you will find ESI Meat's response to information requested concerning our facility and any service agreements made with Himco Wasteaway.
 - a) We are a major producer of portion-controlled meats for the Ponderosa restaurant chain. We are also a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ponderosa Inc.
 - b) Our basic manufacturing process involves receiving boxed frozen beef, cutting this beef into portioned sizes, packaging the beef, freezing the packages and transporting this product to our customers.
 - c) Wastes which are generated from this process include chlorinated sanitation waters along with the normal processed waters generated from portion-controlled meat products. We treat these waters through our own activated sludge system. The solids which are produced from our process pass through our own aerobic digestion system and then are land applied.

We also have an incinerator in-house, which is used to burn approximately 90% of our corrugated waste. In turn the heat generated from this incinerator is used to pre-heat our boiler water.

 - d) We have an on-site wastewater disposal system consisting of an activated sludge system using aerobic digestion with the final effluent discharged to the Bristol Sewage System. Our average gallons processed per day is 26,400 gallons. Our average B.O.D. is 48.5 ppm and our total suspended solids averages 89.6 ppm which are both well below the standard set by Bristol of 300 ppm.

e) Our standard industrial classification code is 2011.

2. Below you will find our only source for disposal of hazardous waste from our premises.

a. Safety-Kleen
2217 Western Avenue
South Bend, IN 46628
U.S. EPA ID# IND000715474
ESI Meats Generator's EPA ID# IND046404026

b. Chemicals Disposed of:

1. Perchloroethylene
CAS# 127-18-4
Average lbs disposed per month - 652 lbs
Safety-Kleen recycles this product

2. Petroleum Naptha
CAS# 91-20-3
Average lbs disposed per month - 40 lbs
Safety-Kleen recycles this product

3. Refrigeration Oil & Hydraulic Oil

We have also made arrangements with Berreth Oil Company to transport our used oils off the premises. We dispose of approximately 250 gallons per month. Berreth Oil in turn processes the material through a Pace Oil and Water separator. After the oil is separated it is recycled as a secondary fuel.

Berreth Oil
1301 W. 6th Street
Mishawaka, IN 46544
EPA ID# IND078907979

c. Hal L. Shepard (Industrial Engineer) is responsible for the arrangements made with the Safety Kleen Company and John Hulewicz (Wastewater Manager) is responsible for our on-site Waste-Water Treatment Plant.


3. To my knowledge we have never made any arrangements or requests of Himco for disposal of any hazardous waste. The only waste we generate to them are solid trash which comes from our normal everyday operations ie:


- a. Paper
- b. Tin Cans
- c. Plastic Bags
- d. Corrugated Boxes
- e. Wood, etc.

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Should you require any additional information concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me.

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Vice President/General Manager


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